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S E C R E T TEL AVIV 8090

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, IS, EG
SUBJECT: AMOCO'S SEISMIC WORK IN GULF OF SUEZ

REFS: (A) TEL AVIV 8085; (B) CAIRO 16673

1. IN MEETING WITH ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THEIR PLOTTING OF COORDINATES, AS REPORTED REF A, IS CORRECT, I.E., NE CORNER IS APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF NAUTICAL MILE TO EAST OF MEDIAN LINE. A LINE DRAWN FROM THAT POINT TO SE CORNER CROSSES MEDIAN LINE AT 27 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 00 SECONDS NORTH AND 33 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST.

2. ISRAELIS PROPOSE THAT, TO AVOID CROSSING MEDIAN LINE, NE CORNER BE ESTABLISHED AT 28 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 36 SECONDS NORTH AND 33 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST. THIS POINT IS DIRECTLY ON MEDIAN LINE, ACCORDING TO THEIR PLOTTING.

3. SINCE ISRAELIS CAN BE EXPECTED TO STOP AMOCO VESSEL IF IT CROSSES MEDIAN LINE IN PROCESS OF RUNNING SEISMIC LINES AS PROPOSED, WE RECOMMEND THAT AMOCO REFRAIN FROM CROSSING LINE FOR TIME BEING. WE HAVE TOLD ISRAELIS THAT WE ARE IN COMMUNICATION WITH WASHINGTON AND CAIRO AND ASKED THEM TO ASSIST IN AVOIDING AN INCIDENT UNTIL
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QUESTION OF SEISMIC WORK AREA CAN BE RESOLVED.

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4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER ISRAELI PROPOSAL PARA 2
ABOVE IS ACCEPTABLE.
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